

OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2004

The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a representative community organization with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members, residing in the rural communities of Shirley and Otter Point, to local government. It was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about 350.

Lifetime memberships are \$5.00 and available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site (www.opsrra.com) for further information.

The purpose of our society is to:

1. Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
2. Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
3. Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
4. Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
5. Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA is now e-mailing this newsletter to over 60 of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: d.acampbell@shaw.ca if you want to receive this membership service.

OPSRRA's EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS

Ken Pungente	President	Arnie Campbell	Vice-President
Wendy Miller	Secretary/Treasurer		
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Virginia Boyd	Director	Wendy Morton	Director
Frances Stocks	Director		

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1. OPSRRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 3

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Place: Otter Point Fire Hall
3727 Otter Point Road
(Otter Point Road at Kemp Lake Road)

Agenda:

1. Update on OPSRRA activities since AGM
2. Update on Boundary Restructure
3. Update on Otter Point & Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plans
4. Outcome of the Shirley Survey: OPSRRA vs. OPRRA
5. Open Session

2. UPCOMING OCTOBER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tuesday
October 5

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Land Use Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m.
District of Sooke Municipal Hall
2225 Otter Point Road

Thursday
October 7

JDF Electoral Area/District of Sooke Boundary Restructure (Amalgamation) Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m.
District of Sooke Municipal Hall
2225 Otter Point Road

Tuesday October 12	Otter Point Official Community Plan Committee (OCP) Meeting 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Village Foods Meeting Room (above Village Foods Supermarket)
Monday October 18	Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plan (OCP) Meeting 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Shirley Community Hall
Thursday October 21	JDF Electoral Area/District of Sooke Boundary Restructure (Amalgamation) Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m. District of Sooke Council Chambers 2225 Otter Point Road
Monday October 25	JDF Regional Director's Otter Point Town Hall Meeting 7:00 p.m. Otter Point Fire Hall 3727 Otter Point Road
Tuesday October 26	Otter Point Official Community Plan Meeting 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Otter Point Fire Hall 3727 Otter Point Road
Tuesday October 26	JDF Regional Director's Shirley Town Hall Meeting 7:00 p.m. Shirley Community Hall
Wednesday November 3	OPSRRA Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Otter Point Fire Hall 3727 Otter Point Road

Contact OPSRRA to have your community event listed in the monthly newsletter.

3. FIRE SEASON: OPEN BURNING

A reminder that October is usually a transition month for open burning. Local fire departments have discretion about when and where some types of open burning will be allowed. Check with your local fire department to find-out when, where and what you are legally allowed to burn.

Shirley Volunteer Fire Department: www.geocities.com/shirsooke/fire.html or phone: 646-2107

Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department: www.otterpointfire.bc.ca or phone: 642-6211

4. UPDATE ON JDF ELECTORAL AREA/DISTRICT OF SOOKE BOUNDARY RESTRUCTURE (AMALGAMATION) COMMITTEE

The September 30 meeting of this committee was postponed, by a week, at the request of the consultant hired to collect and analyze data for the committee. This latest delay was necessary to allow for an analysis of the tax implications arising from the District of Sooke's first road maintenance contract. This cost needed to be included in the information package going-out to committee members, prior to the next meeting. Meanwhile, the committee's intention to hold a series of October community information meeting in East Sooke, Otter Point and Shirley (followed by a late November amalgamation vote), seems unlikely to happen as planned. Deciding upon a revised schedule will be part of the committee's October 7 agenda.

5. SUMMARY OF EVENTS REGARDING THE DEDICATION OF PARK LAND AT SHERINGHAM ESTATES IN SHIRLEY

A difference of opinion has arisen between the developer of Sheringham Estates and the SEAPARC Parks Committee concerning who is legally allowed (as part of the development permit process), to decide whether land, or money in lieu, can be used to satisfy the 5% community amenity provision required under provincial legislation. A summary of events follows:

History

May, 2003	JDF Electoral Area informed SEAPARC of a proposed subdivision application by Guiding Owl Investment Co., and requested comment relative to Section 941, Local Government Act (parkland requirements).
June 10, 2003	The Parks Committee conducted a site visit.
July 19, 2003	SEAPARC hosted a public information session at the Shirley Community Hall to field comments from the community.
September 11, 2003	The Recreation Commission unanimously resolved to request three separate park dedications on the development in accordance with Section 941 of the Local Government Act.

No further word was heard from the developer until a request was received from him to talk to the Parks committee meeting on August 31, 2004. It was at this time that the developer presented a legal opinion that stated it was his right to decide whether to give parkland or cash in lieu and he said that he was going to give cash in lieu of parkland. The Parks committee is now in the process of getting a legal opinion regarding this matter. Nothing else will proceed until that opinion is received.

6. AGENDA FOR JDF LAND USE COMMITTEE

Note: The usual 7:00 p.m. start time has been changed to 6:00 p.m. because of the lengthy agenda

Committee Members:

Erik Lund	Chair: JDF Director
Terri Alcock	Shirley/Jordan River
Ray Bindig	East Sooke
Ken Douch	Otter Point
Chris. Graham	Alternate Director Central Saanich
Patrick O'Rourke	Willis Point
John Stewardson	Malahat
Manfred Stubner	Port Renfrew

**CAPITAL REGIONALDISTRICT
JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE
Notice of Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.
Sooke Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, B.C.**

AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes June 16, 2004 and August 10, 2004
3. Chair's Remarks
4. Election of Vice Chair
5. Agricultural Land Reserve/Subdivision Application: ALR-01-04, Ruby & Scott Diamond, 425 Sunnybrae Road
6. Subdivision Applications – Waiver of 10% Frontage Requirement:
 - a) S-02-04, DeMamiel Estates, Otter Point Road
 - b) S-04-04, Beverley & David Brow, 4498 Rannveig Place
 - c) S-05-04, Brian Henson, Cole Road
7. Subdivision Application: S-03-04, 5647 Land Corporation/Leach/Clapham, Malahat
8. Development Permit Applications
 - a) DP-01-04, Derek Fitzpatrick, 7441 Mark Lane, Willis Point
 - b) DP-09-04, Chris Cole & Wendy Miller, 2955 Young Lake Road

- c) DP-10-04, Bruce Winckler, Malahat
- 9. Development Variance Permit Application: DVP-02-04, James & Annie MacDonald, 29 Seagirt Road
- 10. Rezoning Applications:
 - a) Z-08-03, DeMamiel Estates, Otter Point Road
 - Covenant and Development Permit
 - Waterline Extension (Regional Growth Strategy)
 - Parkland Agreement
 - b) Z-09-03, Dale Arden Log Hauling, West Coast Road
 - c) Z-07-04, Cassandra Sydnam & Jake James, East Sooke
- 11. Referral of Draft Official Community Plans (Malahat, East Sooke, Shirley/Jordan River, Otter Point) to Agencies
- 12. Notice of Intent to Agencies—Juan de Fuca Rural Areas
- 13. Committee Meeting Date & Time for monthly meetings
- 14. Motion to Move In Camera in Accordance with the *Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1)(l) receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege*
- 15. Adjournment

7. OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES

Both the Shirley/Jordan River and the Otter Point Official Community Plan (OCP) committees continue their monthly public meetings. Minutes of these sessions, along with a draft of the proposed new OCP Bylaws for Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point, can be seen via a link on the regional director's website: www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/news.htm

One of the outstanding issues for both committees is where the OCP boundaries should be. The common boundary between Shirley and Otter Point is uncertain, with both Muir Creek and the Otter Point/Shirley Fire Protection boundary being considered. The JDF regional director has agreed to make a decision on this boundary. The Shirley/Jordan River OCP committee is considering extending its western boundary towards Port Renfrew to include some major development planned for the area west of Jordan River. The Otter Point OCP committee is looking at extending the Otter Point OCP boundary north to the Lake Cowichan Regional District boundary.

The Otter Point OCP committee has an additional meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 26. Official notice of this meeting will be given in the Sooke News Mirror. The Shirley OCP committee held their first Open House in August and the Otter Point OCP committee intends to hold their first Open House in November.

8. **TIMBERWEST PESTICIDE SPRAYING**

Some residents of Otter Point, in the vicinity of Otter Point Road and Young's Lake Road, have recently received a notice from TimberWest advising them that vegetation management activities will take place at some point during the period of September 2004 to December 2004. The notice further advised that:

TimberWest is committed to environmental protection and the preservation of waters sources and will be diligent in exercising utmost care in our vegetation management activities.

The vegetation management activities will be carried out in accordance with Pest Management Plan 103 597-02/07 which has been authorized by the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

The plan is based on a systematic approach of Integrated Pest Management and includes under certain circumstances and conditions the use of herbicides Vision and Release for vegetation management and control. The primary target specie for this program is scotch broom where it is threatening the survival of future crop trees. The target trees will be treated on an individual basis from the ground with little or no impact on other adjacent vegetation.

A map was included showing the area to be treated and recognizing water intakes as pesticide free zones as well as the fact that the little waterway that runs to the middle of the clear cut is a fish habitat. Questions or requests for additional information can be directed to Sherry Johnstone, Forestry Supervisor, TimberWest Cowichan Woodlands Operation. (250) 749-7733.

9. **FREE ADVERTISING FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES ON OPSRRA'S WEB SITE**

Do you operate a small business? Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: www.opsrra.com. We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture, fishing charters, eco tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing and more. More information, businesses already listed and a registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site (www.opsrra.com) under Business Listings.

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